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\$50,000 Settlement Reached with P. Kay Metals Incorporated

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with P. Kay Metals, Inc. (P. Kay) for hazardous waste violations at its 2448 East 25th Street facility in Los Angeles. P. Kay manages hazardous waste and is a hazardous waste transporter.

Under terms of the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) signed on April 30, 2004, P. Kay will pay a total of \$50,000 of which \$15,000 is for penalties, \$15,000 is for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC, and \$20,000 is for the allocated Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). A copy of the Agreement will be available within 30 days on the DTSC website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during inspections at the facility on November 20, 21, and 28, 2000; January 30 and February 4, 2002; and June 16 and 17, 2003: Some of the violations noted included:

- Accepting hazardous waste that was not accompanied by a properly completed manifest
- Storing hazardous wastes that were not authorized
- Accepting, treating, and handling RCRA wastes, including ignitables and corrosives, without a permit or authorization from DTSC
- Exceeding the storage capacity limit in two different locations
- Storing hazardous liquids without a permit or authorization from DTSC
- Storing incompatible wastes without separation by means of dikes, berms or other device
- Storing hazardous waste in excess of one year

P. Kay has corrected all violations noted during the inspections.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.